

of fact. He says the constitution was violated; that is not so.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—Absolutely so.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—The hon. gentleman knows well that it was not violated.

Hon. Mr. MILLS—He knows that it was.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—And when the hon. Minister of Justice one day came here and said that the government had acted upon no authority to postpone for a year the meeting of the legislature of the province of Quebec, I took the pains to search all the documents, and I brought forward the opinion of Bourinot who had been consulted previously by the Lieutenant-Governor on that question.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—There will be no opinion that will prevail against the written constitution of Canada.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—The constitution of Canada gives to the Crown the right to dismiss the legislature at any time, and it is this prerogative, which is not limited by time, that the Lieutenant-Governor exercised on the advice of his ministers. I know all the circumstances of the case, and I am not myself, nor is he so ignorant as the hon. gentleman suggests.

THE LATE SENATOR ALMON.

Hon. Mr. MILLER—As there is no further business on our Minutes, I beg to remind hon. gentlemen that since the occasion of our last meeting, we have lost one of our most respected colleagues, the venerable senator from Halifax, the late Dr. Almon. This House possessed no more upright and honourable member than the lamented senator, whose distinguished and creditable career has been brought to a close. Senator Almon was a gentleman of the old school, a staunch but not a bitter party man—a man of strong convictions who always had the courage of those convictions, and whose conduct was invariably regulated by a sense of duty, and a desire to do what he considered right. He was a warm and sincere friend, and was beloved and esteemed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him intimately, to which number I happened to belong. I believe nothing could induce him to be guilty of a mean or dishonourable action or anything he thought inconsistent with the strictest code of honour and fair-play.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY.

Senator Almon belonged to one of the oldest families of Halifax, and was of distinguished lineage. His grandfather, on the paternal side, served as a surgeon in the British army in the war of the American revolution, and came to Halifax after the old colonies had achieved their independence, where he practised his profession until his death. His father, the Hon. W. Almon, also a medical man, was a member of the old legislative council of Nova Scotia before the introduction of responsible government. On the maternal side he was connected with several New England families not unknown to history, in the days of the old colonies. The deceased senator was born at Halifax over eighty-five years ago, and during his long life occupied nearly every position of honour, socially, politically and professionally, that his native city could bestow upon him. His name in the city of Halifax was a synonym for personal integrity, professional eminence, true patriotism and public spirit, as well as genuine kindness of heart. In his professional career he was known as the friend of the poor, who could always command his services without the prospect of fee or reward, as readily as the richest in the land.

The lamented senator was a man of much ability, and possessed a mind well stored by reading and study with the most interesting information. He was much given to antiquarian research, had a large fund of anecdote, and was a most entertaining companion. In his own province he has left no one behind him with an equal knowledge of its early personal and political history. He was the founder of the Historical Society of Nova Scotia. His death has removed one of the oldest public landmarks of the city of Halifax, and in fact his name was a household word throughout the province of Nova Scotia.

Previously to being called to this Chamber, Senator Almon was elected by the constituency of Halifax to the House of Commons, where he sat for a short time. During the twenty-one years he was a member of the Senate, he was assiduous in the discharge of his duties, both in the House and on committees. He was rarely absent from his seat, and took a lively interest in the proceedings of the Senate, and frequently participated in its debates. His remarks were